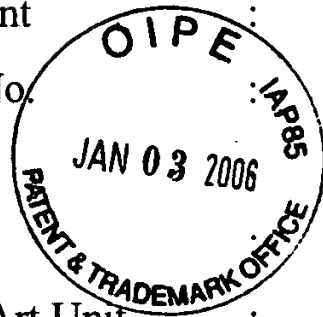


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**PETITION FOR REVIVAL OF UNINTENTIONALLY  
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This Petition is in response to a Notice of Abandonment mailed on December 23, 2005. The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to file a timely and proper reply to a notice or action by the USPTO. The date of abandonment is the day after the expiration of the period set for reply to the Notice of Non-Compliant Appeal Brief, plus any extensions of time actually obtained.

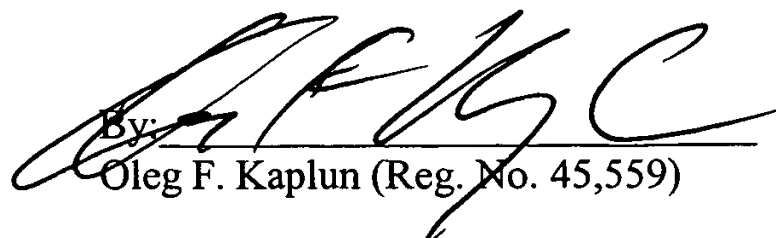
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The entire delay in filing the required reply, from the due date for the required reply to the filing of a grantable petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.137(b), was unintentional.

A favorable decision on this petition is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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